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1. WHILE CONTINUING DISINTEGRATION OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS IS UNFORTUNATE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST INAPPROPRIATE FOR U.S. TO TAKE UP TANZANIAN SUGGESTION (REFTEL) TO APPROACH GOK TO HOLD COMMUNITY TOGETHER. ASIDE FROM IMPLYING BY SUCH AN APPROACH THAT GOK DESERVES MAJOR BLAME FOR BREAKUP OF EAC (WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE IS SUPPORTED BY FACTS), WE SEE VERY LITTLE GOK COULD DO TO ARREST OR REVERSE TREND WHICH WOULD NOT BE INJURIOUS TO KENYA'S OWN INTERESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, KENYA CAN OBTAIN FINANCING FOR BADLY NEEDED RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK ONLY BY DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM OTHER TWO PARTNER STATES WHICH ARE REGARDED AS BAD CREDIT RISKS.

2. MANY KENYANS BELIEVE THAT NYERERE'S HEAVY EMPHASIS ON DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALISM HAS BEEN BY FAR MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN WEAKENING COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. MORE RECENTLY, OF COURSE, DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA HAS ACCELERATED THIS PROCESS.

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